

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

IN RE:

RIO PIEDRAS EXPLOSION  
LITIGATION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-2443(CCC)

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CONSOLIDATED CASES HEREIN

**MOTION WITHDRAWING LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

**TO THE HONORABLE COURT**

**COMES NOW**, the undersigned counsel, and to this Honorable Court respectfully states, alleges and prays:

1. Due to reasons of a personal and professional nature, the undersigned hereby requests leave from this Honorable Court to withdraw as counsel for third party defendant Bermúdez & Longo, S.E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the law firm of Cobián & Valls will remain as counsel for said third party defendant.

2. It is also respectfully requested that a reasonable term be given to the law firm of Cobián & Valls to appoint counsel for third party defendant Bermúdez & Longo, S.E. and to appear in this proceeding.

**WHEREFORE**, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court grant this motion.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**: that on May 17, 2004, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/EMF system which will second notification of such filing to the following: Ramón Bauzá Higuera, Esq., Bauzá & Dávila, Fortaleza 63, Viejo San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901; Francisco A. Besosa, Esq., Axtmayer Adsuar

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At Caguas, Puerto Rico, this 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2004.

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